

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WAIVER REQUEST | DATE: 12/17/2021 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECONSIDERATION REQUEST | DOCKET#: 21-759 |

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Derrick Edwards
Office: Treasurer
Parish:
Election Date: 10/12/2019
Level of Office: Major

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: SUPP 2020
Original Due Date: 2/18/2021
Date Filed: 2/21/2021
Activity Receipts: \$-0
Expenditures: \$3,153.55
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$300
Days Late: 3
Waiver Result Ltr Received: 12/4/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/24/2021
Waiver Request Received: 12/9/2021
Additional Information Requested:
- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: He previous meet with an employee of yours, Slava in Baton Rouge regarding the DragonDictate voice-activated software that he uses, which does not work well with the Louisiana campaign filing report software. The DragonDictate software does not allow him to say words when filing his campaign reports like it does with everything else like writing this letter. He can only say one letter at a time for each and every word. For example, if William Richardson donates to his campaign he has to spell each letter of every word he uses when filing his campaign report. This takes a very, very long time to complete all aspects of filing the campaign report, which is related directly to the software. Since he meet with campaign filing staff Slava in Baton Rouge about this software issue, this proves he does everything In his power to file campaign reports on time.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:
Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: Yes
Disclosure Statements:
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

December 9, 2021

P.O. Box 2827
Harvey, LA 70059

RE: Late fee assessment for the October 19, 2019 Election
2020 Supplemental Campaign Financial Disclosure Report filed 3 days late

To the Louisiana Board of Ethics:

My name is Derrick Edwards and I was a candidate for the 2019 Louisiana State Treasurer election on October 19, 2019. I have a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Accounting from Tulane University and a Law Degree from Loyola University School of Law and I am qualified to file my own reports.

Despite my disability (paralyzed from the neck down at the age of 17), I am very independent and I filed all my campaign finance reports using DragonDictate voice-activated software, which does not work well with the Louisiana campaign filing report software on the website.

I've come before the Louisiana Ethics Board. Also, I met with an employee of yours Slava in Baton Rouge regarding the DragonDictate voice-activated software that I use, which does not work well with the Louisiana campaign filing report software. The DragonDictate software does not allow me to say words when filing my campaign report like I do with everything else like writing this letter. I can only say one letter at a time for each and every word.

If an individual that donates to my campaign name is William Richardson, I have to spell each letter of every word I use when filing my campaign report. This takes a very, very long time to complete all aspects of filing the campaign report, which is related directly to the software I use related to my disability.

Since I met with campaign filing staff employee Slava in Baton Rouge about this software issue, this proves I did everything in my power to file my campaign report on time. Therefore, I am requesting a waiver of the \$300 late fee associated with the 2020 Supplemental Campaign Financial Disclosure Report filed 3 days late, because the software I use related to my disability does not work well with the Louisiana campaign filing report software. You may speak with Slava to verify the facts in this letter.

Therefore, I am requesting that the Louisiana Board of Ethics waive the \$300 late fees. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Derrick Edwards
Cell: (504) 905-8193

Melissa Horn

From: d.edwards derrickedwards2016.com <d.edwards@derrickedwards2016.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 7:55 PM
To: Melissa Horn
Cc: Angela Newsom (ETHICS)
Subject: Request for Reconsideration to the Board of Ethics 12-9-21
Attachments: Request for Reconsideration to the Board of Ethics 12-9-21.pdf

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I hope everything is going well. I've attached to this e-mail the request for reconsideration to the Board of Ethics regarding waiver of the \$300 late fee assessment for the October 19, 2019 election. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Derrick Edwards